

CHAPTER 135.

MALE ANIMALS.

AN ACT to prohibit certain male stock from running at large.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That no stallion or jack, bull, boar, or ram, shall, hereafter, be allowed to run at large; and it shall be lawful for any person aggrieved thereby, forthwith to distrain such animal, and give immediate notice thereof to the owner, if known, for which said owner shall pay a reasonable compensation to the person so aggrieved, for his trouble and for keeping the same. Male animals must be confined. Distrain.

§ 2. If the owner of any such animal, after being notified as directed in the first section of this Act, shall refuse to keep up, or prevent such animal from running at large, shall be subject to a fine not exceeding five dollars for every such offence, to be recovered by action of debt, before any Justice of the Peace of the proper township, or forfeit his right in such animal. Notice. Owner refuse. Fine. Forfeit.

§ 3. That where the owner is not known, such animals shall be considered estrays, subject to be taken up at any time, and dealt with according to the laws concerning stray animals. Owner unknown.

§ 4. All laws now in force in this State contravening the provisions of this Act, be, and the same are hereby repealed. Repeal.

§ 5. This act to take effect and be in force from and after its publication. Take effect.

APPROVED, January 25th, 1855.

I hereby certify that the above Act was published by direction of the Governor in the Iowa Republican and Capital Reporter, on the 7th day of February, 1855.

GEORGE W. McCLEARY, Sec'y of State.